

Hinkley Point C Supply Chain Update



Delivery Partners for the Hinkley Supply Chain Team

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Introduction

I start the December newsletter with condolences for the family and friends of Jason Waring, who tragically died in an incident on site last month. Hinkley Point C is supporting colleagues affected by the event, and a phased return to work on site has begun.

His friends and colleagues have set up a 'Go Fund Me' page which is supported by his family and can be found at: <https://gofund.me/9a38481e> Elsewhere, I was joined by our Tier 1 and Tier 2 engagement officer, Loretta Browne, at the International Nuclear Manufacturing Summit 2022 in Rotherham last month, finding out more about nuclear supply chain opportunities for UK businesses.

As always, could I please ask you to update your registration if you have not logged-in for a while. Do you still have the correct contacts? Has your company gained capabilities or accreditations this year? All of this could be the difference between being considered or dismissed as a supplier.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy New Year and I look forward to working with even more suppliers in 2023!

Scott Jenkins, Hinkley Supply Chain Project Lead
Somerset Chamber of Commerce

Project Update

During October and November, a number of milestones were reached at site, including the one millionth tonne of material being delivered via HPC's jetty since operations began in 2019. Some 6,000 tonnes of coarse aggregate has been offloaded by the concrete teams. The jetty has now received more than 380 ships, including additional non-aggregate deliveries to the project, such as parts for the dome.



More than 40 separate packages of components have now been shipped and stored safely for the site's 300-tonne travelling crane, along with a smaller 20-tonne crane. The travelling crane will be installed in the turbine hall when three large sections will be joined together, commissioned and tested. The crane will then be handed over to General Electric (GE) ready for the start of the steam turbine assembly.

Many contractors have been involved in this achievement. It was manufactured by contractor Fayat Lifting in Nantes, France, the import arrangements for the shipment to Avonmouth were handled by Osprey, and storage and eventual forwarding to site will be managed by the team at Wincanton.

The site has also taken delivery of the first precision-engineered, steel ducting which will be installed under the dome in Unit 1. The ducting will form part of the ventilation system within the reactor building.



The ducting was manufactured to stringent quality standards at the KAEFER Fabrication Facility in Jarrow, Tyne and Wear. The delivery marks the first of tens of thousands of ductwork pieces that will be supplied to HPC over the next three years.

Elsewhere, General Electric (GE) Steam Power's offices and compound were officially opened for operations at HPC. To mark the occasion, a plaque was unveiled at the facility located near the West Office by Nigel Cann, HPC's Delivery Director and Frederic Wiscart, Global Managing Director, Nuclear New Build for GE Steam Power.

As part of its scope, GE Steam Power will be supplying the equipment for the two turbine islands, including the world's largest steam turbine (one of the largest components is pictured above), and the generators, condensers, heat exchangers and major pumps.

Hinkley Point C smashes apprenticeship target ahead of schedule

In October, Hinkley Point C hit its goal of training 1,000 apprentices during the power station's construction phase. The target was set during the planning stage of the project, as part of its commitment to maximising opportunities for local people.



The apprenticeship programme's success is due to the extensive outreach work being done with local schools and colleges. Partnerships have also been set up with training providers, such as Bridgwater & Taunton College, creating a pipeline from the classroom to employment. The apprenticeship programme is making a real difference across Somerset, with two thirds of all apprentices living within the local area.

Apprenticeships will continue to be available on the project as construction develops. Due to the number of skills needed to build the power station, there is a course for everyone, from welding, nuclear engineering, to HR and catering. Opportunities are available, regardless of previous experience, background, or age – the youngest apprentice is 18, and the oldest is in their 50s!

Hinkley Point C has also invested £8 million into three "Centres of Excellence" in Somerset, specialising in welding, mechanics, and electrics – meaning apprentices have access to world-class training equipment.

Nigel Cann, Delivery Director at Hinkley Point C, who started his career as an apprentice, said: "It's fantastic that we've hit this milestone just six years into construction. I'm proud our project has played such an important role in helping to kick-start so many exciting careers."

Andy Berry, Principal and CEO of Bridgwater and Taunton College said: "We are absolutely delighted to have supported Hinkley Point C in training its apprentices, and this is a huge milestone. Reaching this point ahead of schedule is even more of an achievement, and we look forward to the next stages of the project's development to meet the requirements of training the workforce at HPC."

HPC Community Fund gives outdoor spaces a new lease of life

Neglected outdoor spaces and gardens

in the Bridgwater area are being given a fresh lease of life thanks to new social enterprise Social Circles CIC, with the help of a grant for just over £4,000 from the Hinkley Point C (HPC) Community Fund, managed by Somerset Community Foundation (SCF).



Social Circles was awarded an HPC Community Fund grant from the Small Grants Programme in August 2022 to support older communities, those who are vulnerable, and people with disabilities to tidy and maintain their gardens. Andrew Cockcroft, Senior Community Relations Manager, Hinkley Point C said: "This project demonstrates the diverse nature of our community fund and its ability to support vulnerable people no matter their age or personal circumstance. It is fantastic to see this project operating alongside the other grants awarded since the summer – all of them offering new opportunities for lasting benefit."



Somerset Community Foundation has awarded grants worth over £35,000 from the HPC Community Fund Small Grants Programme to groups since July of this year.

The small grants fund awards grants of up to £5,000 - or up to £10,000 over three years - for charities, voluntary groups and social enterprises that normally operate on less than £100,000 per year. The Open Grants Programme is for larger applications, typically over £10,000. Visit www.hpcfunds.co.uk for more details.

The HPC Community Fund is part of a wider £20 million commitment of funding, provided by EDF through Section 106 agreements, for communities that are affected by the development of the new nuclear power station, to promote their social, economic and environmental wellbeing and enhance their quality of life. Hundreds of projects have benefitted, and in total almost £13.3 million in grants have been awarded to date.



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